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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MNR CONVENTION POSTPONED

1. VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO ANNOUNCED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MNR NATIONAL CONVENTION FROM JANUARY 10 TO FEBRUARY 8. AMONG REASONS GIVEN FOR THE POSTPONEMENT WAS THE ALLEGATION THAT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK HAD NOT YET BEEN FINISHED.

2. A SOURCE IN THE MNR WHO IS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGING THE CONVENTION AND WHO IS CLOSE TO DR. PAZ INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE MNR IS READY TO\*HOLD TH\* CONVENTION AT ANY TIME BUT DR. PAZ HAD POSTPONED IT BECAUSE HE EXPECTS THE NAMING OF AN ALL-MILITARY CABINET SHORTLY. DR. PAZ WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE CONVENTION DEFINE MNR POLICY IN ACCORD WITH THE NEW POLITICAL SITUATION THAT AN ALL-MILITARY CABINET WOULD PRESENT. IF A MILITARY CABINET IS NOT NAMED BY FEBRUARY, THE CONVENTION MAY WELL BE POSTPONED AGAIN.

3. THE SOURCE INDICATED THAT DR. PAZ HAS COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE CONVENTION AND POSTPONEMENTS WILL NOT ERODE HIS CONTROL.

4. COMMENT: DR. PAZ IS REPORTEDLY CONVINCED THAT AN ALL-MILITARY CABINET WOULD OFFER THE MNR THE GREATEST POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCCESS IN THE ELECTIONS OF 1975. HE MAY BELIEVE THIS

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BECAUSE WITH A MILITARY CABINET THE ACCESS OF THE FALANGE

AND OTHER POTENTIAL RIVALS TO GOVERNMENT FUNDS WOULD PRESUMABLY  
BE CUT OFF. HE MAY ALSO HAVE RECEIVED GUARANTEES OF  
NON-INTERVENTION IN THE MNR CAMPAIGN IN THE 1975 ELECTIONS IN  
RETURN FOR A DEGREE OF MNR COOPERATION, OR AT LEAST  
NON-AGGRESSIVE OPPOSITION TO THE GOB IN THE INTERIM.  
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